

Fall programs are coming soon!

On September 9th, we will be returning to our regular worship times on Sundays at 8:30am and 11:00am. Wednesday WOW worship will begin on September 12th at 6:30pm. See you there!



September 2018

THE VOICE

Celebrating a new Deacon

God has gifted each of us with gifts to serve the world. Each of us is called to discern how we live out our faith. In the ELCA there is a special designation to those who wish to serve the church as lay ministers. Ministers of Word and Service are those who have undergone specialized training for particular ministries. You will remember that Rob Stuberg was consecrated as a Deacon, or minister of Word and Service.

The ministry of deacons also called ministers of Word and Service is recognized by churches throughout history and around the world. The earliest deacon of the Bible was Stephen. The ELCA continues to seek to honor the significance of deacons serving at the intersection of church and world, bringing a sharper focus to the ways the church responds to the needs of people.

Congregations, synods, and other places where these deacons now serve are encouraged to recognize this significant transition and affirm their ministries. In order for a deacon to complete their work they need to receive a call from a congregation.

Carol Will has now completed her preparation for this and is seeking the call of this congregation to serve as a Deacon. Her particular emphasis will be on Faith Formation in the congregation focusing on adult faith formation. By issuing her a call, the congregation will affirm her ministry with us. Carol wishes to function in her role of deacon as a volunteer.

We are truly blessed by Carol's willingness to serve. It is exciting to envision the ministry that is possible through her leadership. **On September 9th, following the 8:30 worship service we will have a brief congregational meeting to issue a call to Carol to serve the congregation as a Deacon. I urge you take part in this important event in the life of our congregation.**

Peace,
Pastor Arne

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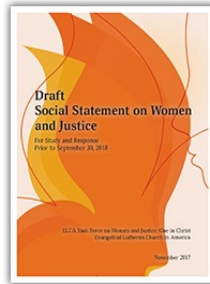
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EMBRACED BY GOD'S LOVE WE REACH OUT TO SERVE BECAUSE OUR REDEEMER LIVES

Greetings to my new family!

I am very excited to be your new music director; hopefully we will have many years together in praise of God! If you are interested in bringing your musical gifts to worship, I would love to expand the music ministry at Our Redeemer's. The 8:00am choir will rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:15pm in the sanctuary. The 11:00am rejoice band will rehearse before service at 10:10am. Please join us! Feel free to contact me any time at jason@ourredeemerlives.org or 202-8671.

Your Brother in Christ,
Jason Callon



Comment on the Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice

The ELCA task force that is responsible for the writing of the ELCA's social statement on

Women and Justice is still receiving feedback through September 30. Feedback can be sent through an online (<http://www.elca.org/womenandjustice>) paper survey form (ask Pastor Kendra for a copy) or through letters (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America/8765 W. Higgins Rd./Chicago, IL 60631) and emails (womenandjustice@elca.org). Our congregation hosted a hearing in May and two study sessions in July.

St. John's Lutheran Ministries Followup:

A meeting of members who had expressed interest in following up with St. John's Lutheran Ministries was held on May 23. A decision was made at that time to visit the St. John's campus to more closely examine the benefits Atonement Lutheran church, Billings, MT received through their association with St. John's and the facility, Wyndstone located on their campus.

On July 17, Linda Nelson, Mark Redfern, Bonner Armstrong, Pastor Arne and myself traveled to Billings and visited the St. John's campus and Wyndstone, an independent living with supportive services facility. Some of our questions were answered and others generated.

Additional discussion with St. John's was requested and held at ORLC on August 16, 2018. Bonner Armstrong, Linda Nelson, Ron Pecarina, Jim Penner, Jerry Hoover, Mark Redfern, Danica Boe, Jeff Downhour, Autumn Keller, Pastor Arne and myself attended. Pastor Ulgenes of St. John's Lutheran Church, Helena was invited to sit in on our discussions.

A partnering arrangement with St. John's Lutheran Ministries was discussed and the group decided to investigate the different arrangements that could be had with St. John's Ministries and the several types of services that might be designed to operate and be beneficial to our community.

As discussions progress and ideas come forward, monthly meetings of this group and St. John's Ministries are planned with the next meeting scheduled September 20, 2018 at 11 AM at ORLC.

Please contact myself or Pastor Arne if you have additional questions or thoughts.

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VOICE articles due on the 15th of each month

Thursday, September 15, 5:00pm
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Long Term Prayer Concerns

Help us update our Long Term Prayer Concerns list by calling the church office.

Our Members

Phyllis Bauer	Fran Gilbertson	Blake McHugh	Jessi Putnam	Kim Venetz
Walter Bauer	Christine Hoffman	Dale Mickus	Mike Robinson	Adam Williams
Richard Carey	Rolland Karlin	Ardell Nelson	Verna Strand	
Roberta Carey	Carol Kimble	Gary Pearson	Joe Toro	

Our Family and Friends

Allie (Lucy Pearson)	Jared Larsen (Ruth Reed's grandson)
Zachary Ark	Patsy Link (Lucy Pearson's sister-in-law)
Brandon Bach	Bill Lumma (Pat's Husband)
Victor Bachmier	Janessa and Maryssa Martin and Cheyene Bade (Roberta Carey's great nieces)
Sandy Copenhaver (Mark & Tammy Copenhaver)	Ricki McDanold (Denise Richards)
Lisa Bell (Lynnette Avery's niece)	Jim McLean
Julie Bliss (Nadine Sim)	Amanda Miller (Larry & Delores Rosin's granddaughter)
Steve Boyter	Gregg Moutoux (Gary and Joy Novota)
Donna Brekke (Kim Ewing)	Bev Nelson (Ray Read)
Gregg Carlson (Clayton Schenck's Cousin)	Lee Nees (Tami Wadham's mother)
Tom Carter	Mary Nees (Tami Wadham's sister-in-law)
Vanessa Chavez (Roberta Carey's granddaughter)	Chris O'Connor (Cheri Goosen's cousin)
Matt Cragwick (Shawn Moore)	Lalay Ohlrogge (Ron & Marian Paulson)
JLD (Gary and Joy Novota)	Laura Oleson (Debbie Hurni's sister-in-law)
Punk Dethlefs (Dee Dee Fischer)	Zona Oleson (Debbie Hurni)
Jake Dirks (Lori Chase)	Richard Oksa
Kermit Edmonds (Ray & Linda Read)	Elsie Phillips (Teresa Schulz's mother)
Rick Exner (Kathy Schenck's cousin)	Nancy Rose (Laura Trapp)
Stormy Flinders	Evelyn Sabo (Janet Erickson's mother)
The Fox Family (Brooke Sampson)	Carmen Sharp
Tim Fox (Gary & Joy Novota)	Bob Shearer (Kaytlyn Shearer)
Greg Goodheart (Annette Wakefield)	Joanne Spenser (Isabelle Mavis' sister)
Tom Hammond (Sue Hill's dad)	June Steinmetz (Jerry & Cindy Steinmetz)
Cristy Hartman (Lucy Pearson)	Dorothy Tangen (Craig Erickson's aunt)
Carter Hasselbach (Friend of the Preschool)	Ray Lynn Van Oort (Carol Kimble)
Andrea Hawthorn	Will (Lucy Pearson's brother)
Carol Henry (Lucy Pearson)	Doug Williams (Leona Williams' son)
Shelby Howke (Amber Lamping)	Sairee Wright (Burke family)
Lisa Huff (Christine Mills)	Families of suicide victims
Donna Hurni (Neal Hurni)	
Ed Kinsey (Kim Ewing)	
Barb Knutson (Darbie Hess)	
Ken Kolar (Carol Kimble's brother)	
Shawn Kraft and Family (The Arks)	
Chelsi Kral (Kim & Carl Anfinson's daughter)	
Kathy Krietz (Patti McFadden)	

Our Family and Friends Serving in the Military

Jeremy Bauer	Travis Gronley	Colton Johnson	Chris Oelkers
Chad Beley	Sam Harris	Chance McDowell	Scott Pocha
Lonnie Cook	Charlie Heidbreder	Kent McGowan	Courtney Rath
Erin DenHerder	Roger Henschel	Dean McLain	Tanner Reddig
Micah Emmons	Paul Horst	Brian Neal	Alex Stevens
Jessilyn Emmons	Anela Hemry	Keith Nordquist	Cody Stipcich
Grant Gagnon	Wade Hemry	Ken Nordquist	Darrell Stipcich
Austin Grieve	Cody Johnson	Mallory Nordquist	

Our Seminarian

Taran Denning



Keeping our promise,
we teach children to: love God,
love and serve each other,
and learn and share God's story.

FALL IS COMING! It is time to register your child for the different educational opportunities available. **Kick-Off Sunday is September 9th and Kick-Off Wednesday is September 12th.**

Sunday Morning Schedule



8:30—Traditional Service with KidTime

Children age 3 through 2nd grade will have the opportunity to begin worship with their family and then, if they wish, be excused for about 20 minutes of children's activities. The children will return to the sanctuary for Communion and the conclusion of the service.



9:45 am - Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade.
♦ Preschool through 5th grades will participate in the *Workshop Rotation Model*. Lessons are presented in 4-week units focusing on a key Bible story. Children attend a different workshop each week, in the areas of art, games, movies and cooking & science.



11:00 am - Contemporary Worship with *KidTime* (See *KidTime* description above)



Nursery care is provided throughout the morning for children through age 5.

For more information, please contact Lisa at 442-7842 or lisawm@ourredeemerlives.org



Wednesday Evening Schedule

6:30 – 7:15pm - WOW (Worship on Wednesday)
7:15 – 8:00 pm -KidzEd classes for age 3 through 5th grade.

Nursery care is provided from 6:15 until 7:15 pm.
For more information, please contact Lisa at lisawm@ourredeemerlives.org

You may be wondering how ***you*** can share your gifts with the children. God wants all of us to share our faith, and what better way is there than with children! If you enjoy teaching or nurturing children, please consider how you could impact children in a very important way and also be personally blessed. Please take a look at the following possibilities and prayerfully consider joining one of the teaching teams this year.



Teacher or Assistant teacher for **KidzEd at 7:15 pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday** for multi-age classes
age 3 – Kindergarten
1st – 3rd grade
Or 4th—5th grade

Preparation for science, art or cooking workshop. Could involve shopping, art prep, pre-prep of food. Can be done anytime that is convenient for your schedule.

9:45 am on Sundays

Workshop Leader - leads one lesson a month in a rotation in the area of your choice:
Art, Games, Movies, or Science/Cooking

9:45 am on Sundays Teacher or co-teacher for age 3 & 4 years and Kindergarten

8:30am 11:00am on Sundays Co-teacher of ***KidTime***—a lesson time of about 20 minutes during the service tailored for children age 3 – 2nd grade

If any of these positions interest you, I will work to match you with a schedule which meets your needs and gifts. If you need more information, please contact Lisa at lisa@ourredeemerlives.org or 442-7842.

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Children’s Ministries Registration Card 2018-19

- ☐ 7:15 Wed *KidzEd*
- ☐ 9:45 *Sunday School*
- ☐ 8:30 Sunday *KidTime*
- ☐ 11:00 Sunday *KidTime*

Student's Name: _____ ☐ M ☐ F

Ph.(c): _____ Ph.(h): _____

Parent/Guardian Names _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Birthdate _____ Age _____ Grade in 2018-19 _____

Primary E-Mail Address: _____

Allergies or concerns _____

I can help in the following way:

- ☐ 7:15 Wednesday *KidzEd* Teacher
- ☐ 9:45 *Sunday School* Workshop Leader
- ☐ *Preschool through 1st grade
- ☐ 8:30 *KidTime*
- ☐ *2nd and 3rd grade
- ☐ 11:00 *KidTime*
- ☐ *4th and 5th grade
- ☐ Substitute on Wed or Sunday (circle)
- ☐ I'm interested in helping, but need more information. Please call me.

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Worship Assistants

Sunday, September 2 (9:30am Service)

Captains.....	Jan Martin
Communion Assistants.....	Carol Will
	Larry and Delores Rosin
	Bill Straley
Greeters.....	Larry and Delores Rosin
Ushers.....	Norm Rognlie
	Mark Redfern
	Tom Johnson
Lector.....	Carol Will

8:30am Service

Sunday, September 9

Captains.....	Larry and Delores Rosin
Communion Assistants.....	Ruth Straley
	Judy Hoover
Greeters.....	<i>all team members</i>
Ushers.....	Carol and Todd Will
	Bill Straley
	Larry Rosin
	Jerry Hoover
Lector.....	Dee Dee Fischer

Sunday, September 16

Captains.....	Jan Martin
Communion Assistants.....	Glenn and Janet Erickson
	Gary and Dee Dee Fischer
Greeters.....	Helen Bunkowske
	Gary and Dee Dee Fischer
Ushers.....	Ken Kolb
	Roy Hemry
Lector.....	Clayton Schenck

Sunday, September 23

Captains.....	Jim and Joan Haubein
Communion Assistants.....	Jim and Joan Haubein
	Bruce and Judy McMaster
Greeters.....	Linda Gaughan
	Pat Lumma
Ushers.....	Norm Rognlie
	Clayton Schenck
	Tom Johnson
Lector.....	Lynn Voss

Sunday, September 30

Captains.....	Ray Read
Communion Assistants.....	Ben Spiger
	Scott and Lori Walter
Greeters.....	Gordon Blomquist
	Carole Olson
Ushers.....	Ken Neumiller
	Norm Midtlyng
Lector.....	Charlene Mayala

11:00am Service

Sunday, September 9

Captains.....	Mark and Beth Barry
Communion Assistants.....	Linda Coty
	Lori Chase
	Lori Bigwood Pecarina
Greeters.....	<i>all team members</i>
Ushers.....	Mark and Beth Barry
Lector.....	Kevin Mathews

Sunday, September 16

Captain.....	David Thompson
Communion Assistants.....	Carl Tanberg
	Lisa Williams-Mathews
	David Thompson
Greeters.....	<i>all team members</i>
	Pat Lumma
Ushers.....	Carl Tanberg
	David Thompson
Lector.....	Autumn Keller

Sunday, September 23

Captains.....	Jim Reynolds
Communion Assistants.....	Kayme May
	Debbie Robinson
Greeters.....	Kevin Mathews
Ushers.....	Marie Rauch
Lector.....	

Sunday, September 30

Captains.....	Marie Rauch
Communion Assistants.....	Marie Rauch
	Kevin Mathews
	Lisa Williams-Mathews
	Luci Pearson
Greeters.....	Luci Pearson
	Mark and Kris Thatcher
Ushers.....	Kevin and Lisa Mathews
	Chris Olson
Lector.....	Lori Bigwood Pecarina



Bridges is back for 2018 – 2019

Bridges welcomes you to another year of learning and growing! Various activities and presenters are lined up and ready to share their knowledge and expertise with you. To keep you informed, you are encouraged to get on the email list for the Bridges newsletter (contact Sandy Merdinger at slymerdinger@yahoo.com). In addition, the newsletter will be available on the counter by the church administration offices.


Bridges Buffet--Monthly Lunch and Program series. September 5th 12:00 - 1 :30. A catered lunch is provided. We ask that you bring a \$5 donation to offset the cost of the lunch. Since September is suicide awareness month, the talk will be addressing Facts, Figures, and Formulas for Prevention, an engaging talk on why suicide is one of the most important issues of our time and what every person, including seniors and caregivers, can do to help family, friends, neighbors and themselves. Register at bridgeshcc.org or contact Sandy Merdinger for more information.

Cranium Café--A free brain health workshop. September 19th 12:00 - 1:30. Participants learn and practice brain exercises and gain an improved understanding of the aging brain and how to keep it healthy as one ages. Nanette Whitman-Holmes, Life Enrichment Director at Touchmark, facilitates the session.

Gentle Ways--A free weekly workshop led by practitioners who lead gentle stretching, balancing and strengthening exercises tailored to all ages and abilities. Every Tuesday, 9:30-10:30. Bring a mat, no registration required. For information contact Sandee at 442-1685.

All September events will take place at Covenant Methodist Church, 2330 E. Broadway. Coming October 4th: **My Destiny**, a free estate planning workshop!

.... building bridges to purposeful aging



Thank you all so very much for the wonderful brunch and program remembering our ministry here at ORLC. Thank you also for the great gift to Mwika Lutheran Bible and Theological College! It will be used faithfully to enhance the education of future church musicians. Our time at ORLC has been one of the great joys of our lives.

Rob and Carolee Stuberg

Thank You for the Milk!

The Saints, Griz, and Cats wish to thank everyone who contributed to the summer milk campaign for Helena Food Share. We exceeded our goal of \$6000, and we are happy to announce that a matching grant of \$6000 will be added to our total. This amount will adequately provide milk for the entire kid packs program for the upcoming school year. At the time this news is going to print, we don't have the final tally for each team. So watch for upcoming news about the team totals and our presentation of the BIG CHECK to Helena Food Share sometime in September.



Kid Pack Assemblies

Our Redeemer's will resume kid pack assemblies on Tuesday, October 2, 4-6pm at the Oakes Street warehouse. We shall continue to assemble kid packs on the first three Tuesdays of each month. Contact Sandy Merdinger (slymerdinger@yahoo.com) for more details.

September Kid Pack Request

We are collecting healthy snack bars during the month of September. Just leave your favorite flavor in the Helena Food Share crates in the hallway outside the sanctuary. Preference is given for those with low sugar content. And thanks for all you do to feed hungry children in our neighborhood.




Meet the New Family Promise Coordinator for Our Redeemer's

Janet Whitmoyer has graciously agreed to serve as our church's Family Promise coordinator. She will be contacting chairpersons when we are in need of services from our church. Look for more information in the upcoming months.

Community Garden

The community garden is looking quite healthy. We have already donated over 200 pounds of produce to Helena Food Share, and the harvest has just begun. Feel free to stop by to weed the Helena Food Share section or harvest at any time. When you deliver items to Helena Food Share, please get a receipt of the pounds delivered and return that receipt to Carol Olmstead. All garden questions should be addressed to Ben or Carol Olmstead (bccjolmstead@bresnan.net).





Interested in a Men's Group at Our Redeemer's? We get together once a month to typically read and discuss the lectionary for the coming Sunday, study other Bible readings and discuss topics about our faith. Our next meeting is September 25th at 7pm in the church sewing room. Please feel free to join us, or contact Jim Reynolds (459-8359) or Todd Will (422-4001) if interested.

Greetings from Our Redeemer's Preschool!

Teachers are prepping. Students are picking out a new backpack. Mothers and fathers are feeling a bit weepy. That can only mean one thing: Preschool is starting again!

This school year marks the 20th year we have offered quality, Christian learning experiences for Helena children ages 3-5. Our preschool excels because:

- * We provide opportunities for play, learning, and growth for the whole child- social, emotional, spiritual, physical, and cognitive.
- * We are a Christian preschool and provide “chapel time” on a weekly basis. We include prayer and model a love for God in our daily routine.
- * We offer special enrichment activities such as music, foreign language and art experiences.
- * Students can attend an optional Lunch Bunch program that extends their school day fun.
- * Thanks to the Our Redeemer’s congregation, we have three kid-friendly classrooms that are safe, clean and just the right size for preschool children. We also utilize the Sanctuary, Great Room, Kitchen and Community Room for a variety of activities.
- * We have a wonderful outside area that we take advantage of daily.
- * We also have a community garden that we visit throughout the year.
- * We offer developmentally appropriate sessions for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children.
- * Our staff is qualified, having degrees in education, as well as a wealth of experience.
- * We are greatly supported by our church family.

We always welcome inquiries about our classes and programs. Please feel free to stop by the office, give us a call at 442-7842 ext. 20, or email us at preschool@ourredeemerlives.org.





Fall programs are coming soon!

On September 9th, we will be returning to our regular worship times on Sundays at 8:30am and 11:00am. Wednesday WOW worship will begin on September 12th at 6:30pm. See you there!

September Birthdays!

Remember our friends in Christ with a Birthday prayer!

1 Carol Olmstead Caven Wade Reagan Wolf	8 Mark Barry Patrick Friede Sawyer Mingay	17 Hannah Erickson Kruz Green Tami Rasmussen	25 Jackie Bartz Katherine Guariglia Lori Michelotti
2 Bob DenHerder Kim Ewing Nancy Gates Ken Kolb	Jake West Janet Whitmoyer	18 Declan Dubois Kevin Rauch	26 Chad Beley Annie Chase Judith Dole Leah Esposito Macrae Mannix
3 Steve Ackerlund Lynn Wakefield	9 Brien Alberts Joslyn Buckley Darby Martin Brandon Rehm	19 Sandy Bay Connie Carlson Ellie Doran Jim Reynolds Sherril Senn	27 Tenley Gronley Tanner Reddig
4 Trudy Burke Jerry Hoover Hunter Perry Ruth Straley Parker Yearry	10 Ryan Magee Verna Strand	20 Claire Lake Sharon Redfern Reid Willard	28 John Ballantyne Sara Juers John Simms
5 Letha Ebelt Sophie Robertson	11 Lori Walter	22 Anna Passage Kim Randall	29 Carole Olson
6 Kelly Elder Dylan Grimmis Cheyanne Hafer Abigail McLane	12 Betty Brosten Malinda Diamond	23 Cyler Dushin Cindy Rand Gabe Studt	30 Karen Darlow Mike Magee Ron Pecarina
7 Kari DesRosier Taven McMaster Sarah Sampson	13 Mark DeBoer Nick Michelotti	24 Lori Chase Ellis Dushin Erik Helfert Brendan McCormack Vicki Thennis	
	14 Hadley Dailey Nathan Spangenberg		
	15 Kyler Gamradt Liv Perry		
	16 Brian Coble Nicholas Swenson Sharlene Wetherell		

Hospital Visitation Schedule



Sunday: Janet Miller
Monday: Helen Bunkowske
Tuesday: Roxanne Hiesterman
Wednesday: Lori Bigwood-Pecarina
Thursday: Pastor Arne
Friday: Jan Martin
Saturday: Pastor Kendra



Do you know someone in the hospital?

On occasion, the hospital records don't indicate that a member of Our Redeemer's has been admitted. We like to visit at the hospital, but if we don't know that someone is there we miss them. If you know someone in the hospital who needs a visit (or anyone who would need a visit for some reason), please let the office know.



Happy Anniversary

Rick & Susan Elhart	9/23/1978	40 years
Craig & andi Moore	9/25/1976	42 years
Mike & Cind Rand	9/18/1976	42 years
Ray & Linda Read	9/10/1966	52 years
Jim & Janice Anderson	9/5/1965	53 years
Bill & Delores Stroh	9/14/1963	55 years
Bill & Ruth Straley	9/3/1961	57 years

Baptisms

Zack Albert Horinek	8/12/2018
Tizer Loren Mummey	8/26/2018



Funerals

Murray Swenson	7/30/2018
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Financials – Giving in July was below the same period for 2017 as well as below 2018 plan. Although we are about \$67,000 behind plan for the year, several changes and adjustments have occurred to mitigate the financial situation. We currently have payables of approximately \$32,000, about \$24,000 of which is benevolence. There was a positive cash flow in July of \$2417. The council voted to accept the recommendation of the financial review committee and reimburse the building fund in this amount. Giving for Join the Journey was less than required for our monthly payment. The payment was made using reserve funds dedicated for that purpose.

Audit – Several actions have been accepted by the council regarding the 2016 audit report and additional items from the 2018 draft report have been addressed.

Columbarium – The final report for the columbarium was reviewed and accepted by the council. The recommendation from the columbarium committee to set aside the project due to a lack of congregational support was accepted but noted that this project would be tabled until a time when the financial ability to support the project improved.

Covenant to Care for Creation – Nelson Bock provided background information regarding a Covenant to Care for Creation, a document developed for the ELCA by Lutherans Restoring Creation.

Call for Carol Will – The council approved extending a call to Carol Will to serve as a deacon at Our Redeemer’s pending congregational approval. The position is voluntary and focuses on adult faith development. Carol has provided several classes for adult education and is a leader of a Christ Care group. A congregational meeting is scheduled for September 9 following the 8:30 service.

Lay Pastoral Associates – The council voted to provide letters of recommendation for three people to enter the Lay Pastoral Associate program. Kevin Mathews, Lisa Williams-Mathews and Lori Bigwood-Pecarina have agreed to enter the two-year program.

St. John’s Lutheran Ministries – A brief update was given regarding the recent meeting with St. John’s Lutheran Ministries. The goal is to explore ways that Our Redeemer’s and St. John’s can work together to provide services and care to the Helena community. We are currently tasked with defining a general scope for our level of involvement and opportunities for service.

Future Council Meetings – Due to conflicts with my schedule, the council meetings for September and October have been rescheduled. The revised dates are September 11 (one week earlier) and October 23 (one week later). The meeting times remain at 6 pm.

In service to Christ and the Congregation
Ron Pecarina, President



As a Community of Women
created in the image of God,
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and
empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We Commit to Ourselves to
grow in faith,
affirm our gifts,
support one another in our callings
engage in ministry and action, and
promote healing and wholeness
in the church, the society,

September Bible Study

We begin a new three-session Bible study for the fall entitled, “Turn, turn, turn: A time for faithful repentance.” Session One, “Turning to God, time after time,” will show us that when we turn to God, we find grace.

Dorcas Bible study: Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 9:30am

Rebecca Bible study: Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 1:00pm
Both groups will meet in the Conference Room

We welcome all new members and visitors to attend any of our Bible studies.

The WELCA Board: TBA

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief: Tuesdays at 9:00 am

Sew in Love Service Group: Thursdays at 9:00 am

Montana Synodical Women’s Organization Fall Gathering

This one-day event will be held in Townsend at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on Sept. 29 starting at 9:00 am. There is more information available, as well as registration forms, on the bulletin board near the information desk in the Great Room. The deadline for registration has been extended to Sept. 13. Please make sure the Synodical treasurer has your application by that date.

An Invitation from St. John’s

The women of St. John’s Lutheran Church invite the women of ORLC to join them on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 6:00 pm for a potluck dinner followed by a presentation. Chicken and rolls will be provided - each person is asked to bring a dish to share. The presentation will feature Diane Carlson Evans, founder of the Vietnam Women’s Memorial in Washington, D.C. As a Captain in the Army Nurse Corps serving in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969, Diane Evans will tell us how that experience convinced her of the need for a memorial to honor women veterans of the Vietnam War and the long struggle she endured to see that conviction fulfilled. If you plan to attend this event, please let the office know so we can tell St. John’s how many to expect.

WELCA Fall Family Festival:

The WELCA Fall Family Festival Planning Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 29th at 10am in the Community Room. All women of the church are invited to attend to help plan this fundraising event.



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AD = Administrative Wing
CR = Classrooms
PS = Preschool
HS Loft = High School Loft

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
2 9:30am - Worship - Sanctuary 10:30am - Fellowship - <i>Great Room</i>	3 <div>Labor Day - —Office Closed</div> 4:15pm - Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room	4 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6 7:00pm - Hope and Advocacy Youth Group - Youth Loft
9 8:30am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary 9:30pm - The Net - Youth Loft 9:45am - Sunday School - Various Classrooms 10:45am - Baptism Class - AD1 9:45am - Fellowship - <i>Great Room</i> 11:00am - Worship + KidTime - Sanctuary	10 4:15pm – Serving at God's Love - 533 N. Main 7:00pm - Boy Scouts - Community Room 6:00pm - Preschool Board - Conference Room 7:00pm - Bell Choir - Sanctuary	11 9:00am - Quilting for Lutheran World Relief - CR5-6
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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